



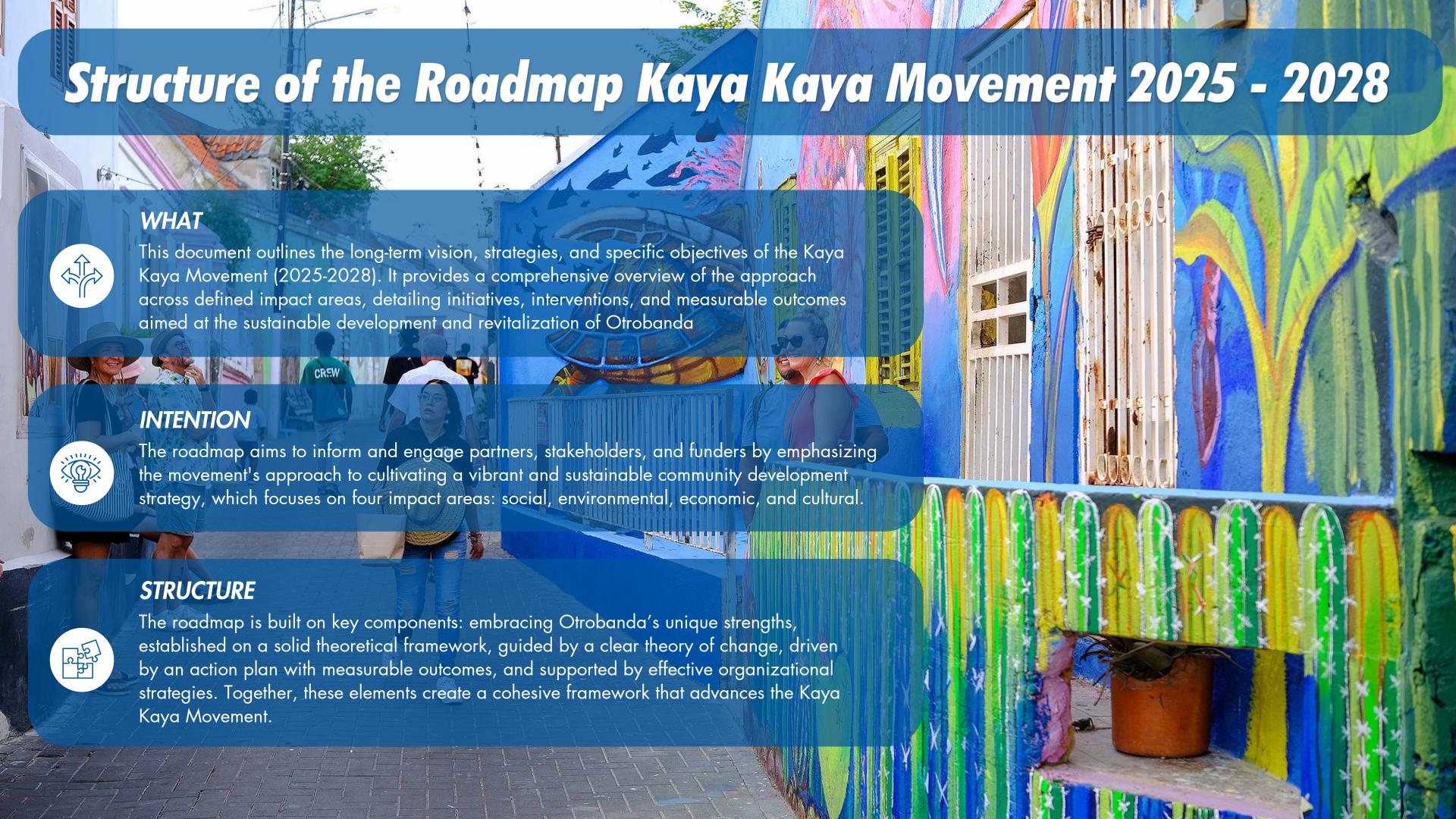
The Kaya Kaya Movement was born from a grassroots initiative, uniting Otrobanda's residents in 2018 to clean, paint, and reclaim public spaces through a street party. What began as a community-led event has since evolved into a structured and strategic movement aimed at sustainable urban revitalization, cultural preservation, and economic empowerment.

To guide this transformation, the Kaya Kaya organisation has collaborated to shape a long-term vision for the movement.

Recognizing the need for a cohesive and sustainable strategy, Kaya Kaya's core team engaged an external consultant to develop this Roadmap & Theory of Change. Through extensive stakeholder consultations—including discussions with the core team and a broader group of stakeholders—this roadmap was carefully designed. It is informed by community insights, research, and local reports, ensuring that Otrobanda's revitalization remains inclusive, impactful, and community-driven.

This document serves as a blueprint for structuring the Kaya Kaya Movement's activities, impact areas, and long-term objectives, ensuring that Otrobanda continues to thrive as a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable neighborhood.







PART 1

Otrobanda: The heart of Curaçao

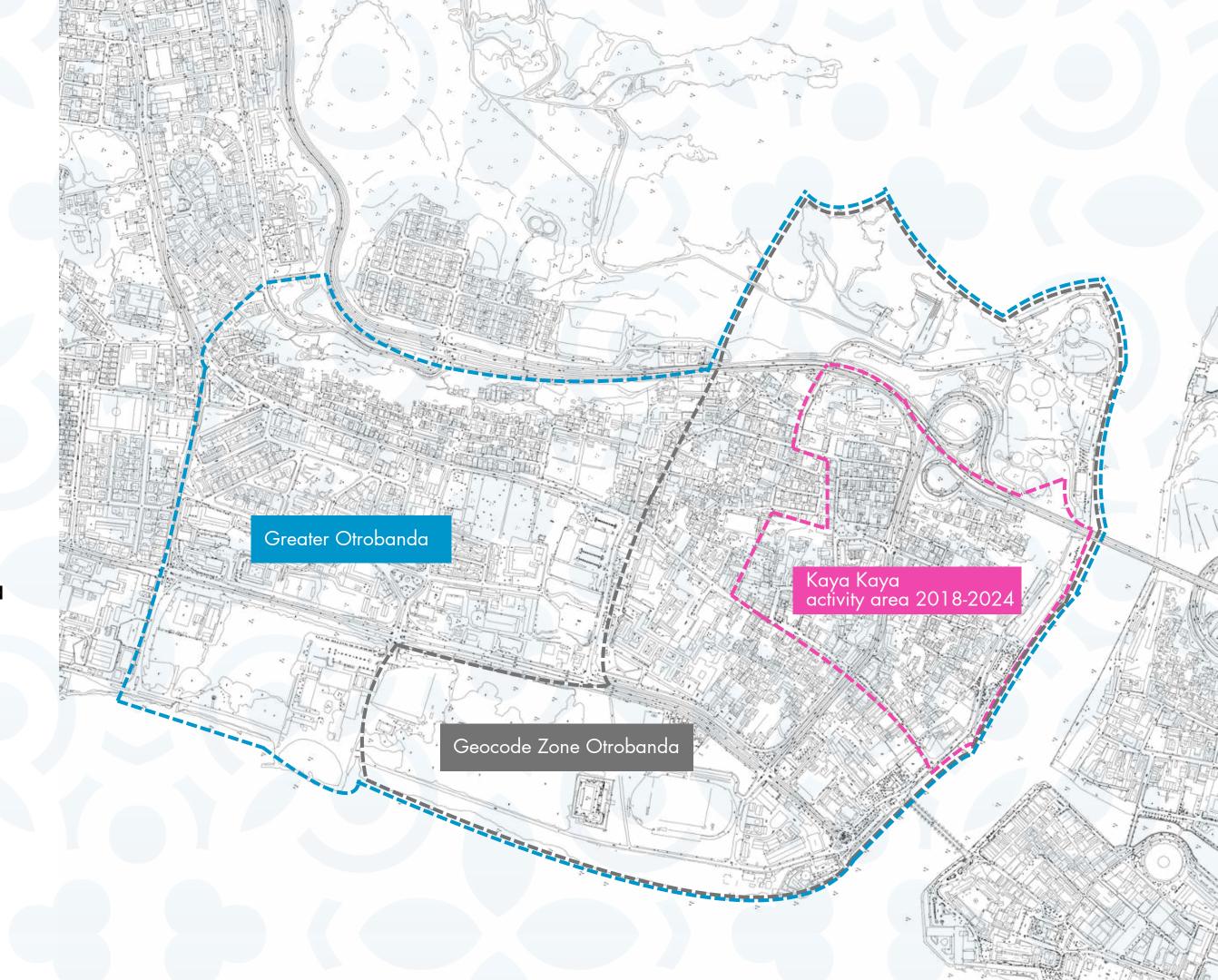


Transformation area

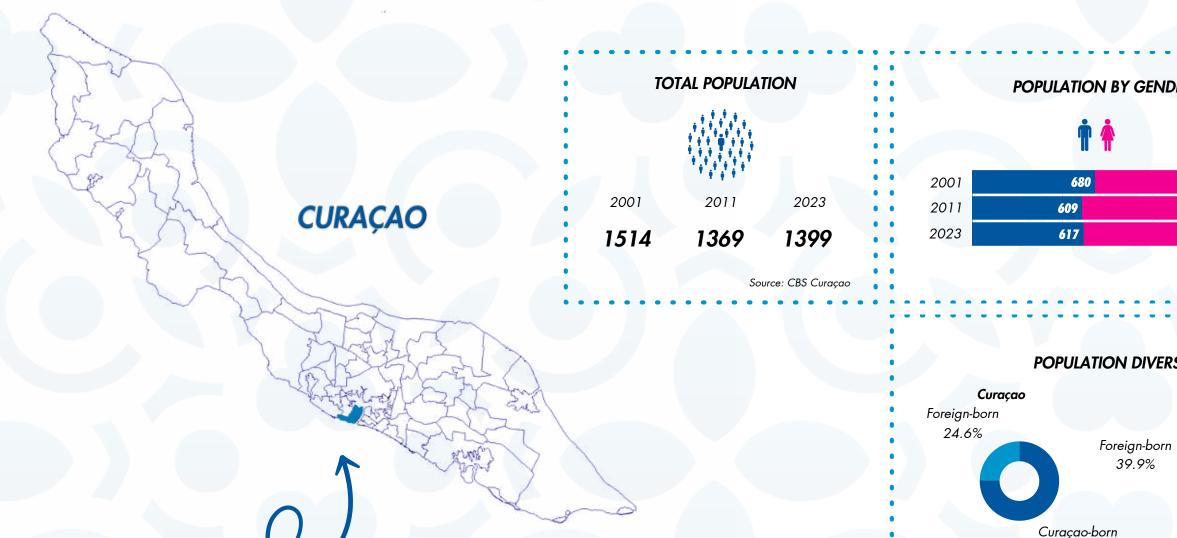
Geocode zone Otrobanda

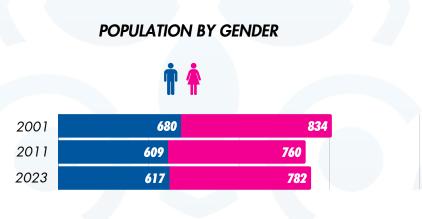
Greater Otrobanda

Kaya Kaya activity area 2018 - 2024

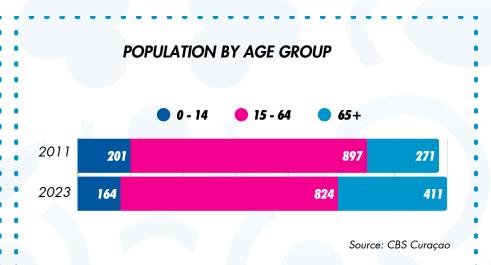


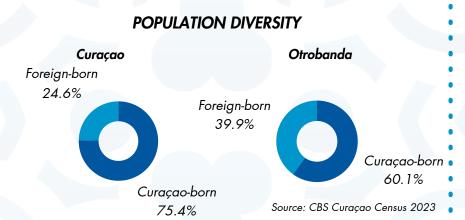
A snapshot of Otrobanda's demographics

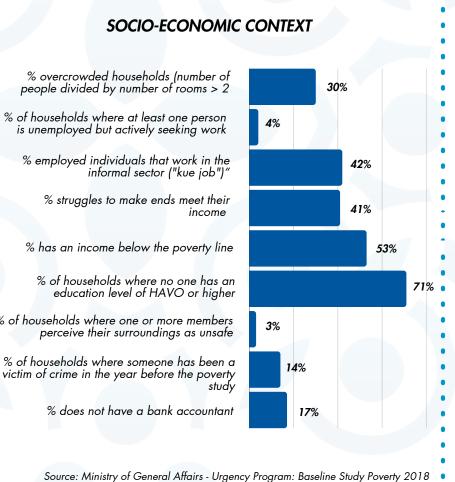




Source: CBS Curação





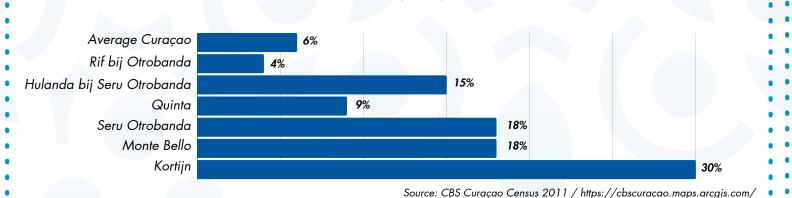


Geocode Zone Otrobanda

consists of 7 neighborhoods (Source: CBS)

- Rif bij Otrobanda
- Hulanda bij Seru Otrobanda
- Quinta
- Seru Otrobanda
- Panama
- Monte Bello
- Kortijn





Key characteristics of Otrobanda



SOCIAL

- Community diversity: Otrobanda is a vibrant multicultural neighborhood characterized by a mix of cultural and ethnic backgrounds.
- Demographic shifts: The area faces an aging population and a declining youth demographic, creating challenges in ensuring active engagement of younger generations.
- Community resilience: Despite socioeconomic challenges, the community displays a strong sense of identity and solidarity.
- Fear of gentrification: Residents express concerns about gentrification, fearing it may lead to displacement and loss of the neighborhood's cultural identity.



ENVIRONMENTAL

- **Urban challenges:** The neighborhood contends with abandoned buildings, insufficient public spaces, and inadequate maintenance, impacting overall livability.
- Placemaking opportunities: Public spaces hold potential for transformation into vibrant community hubs that promote social interaction and cultural activities.
- Disconnected infrastructure: The neighborhood lacks clear and logical connections between different areas, hindering mobility and integration.
- **Urban greening initiatives:** Small food forests are being established to raise awareness about homegrown vegetables, support those struggling to afford food, and promote healthy eating in the community



ECONOMIC

- Entrepeneurship: Otrobanda's small businesses and informal ventures offer growth opportunities but face challenges in achieving long-term sustainability.
- Tourism potential: As part of Willemstad's UNESCO World Heritage Site, Otrobanda has opportunities to develop cultural tourism to support the local economy.
- Breedestraat retail potential: The neighborhood's main shopping street has significant potential but currently lacks diversity in its retail offerings.
- Economic disparities: Persistent poverty, informal employment and limited educational background highlight the need for targeted economic interventions.
- Visible inequality: A noticeable divide between the "haves" and "havenots" underscores the socio-economic challenges in the neighborhood.



CULTURAL

- Cultural heritage: A rich history in art, music and architecture positions
 Otrobanda as a cornerstone of Curação's cultural identity.
- Creative economy: Leveraging its cultural assets, the neighborhood is poised to boost innovation, foster community development, and attract creative industries.
- Artistic expression: Street art, festivals, theatre, and music performances are vital expressions of Otrobanda's cultural vibrancy, creating opportunities for both the local community and tourists.
- Cleanliness challenges: Maintaining cleanliness and ensuring the neighborhood remains clean is a recurring issue, impacting the areas overall aesthetic appeal.



PART 2

From streetparty to movement: The journey of Kaya Kaya



2018 - 2019 Street party 1.0

The first Kaya Kaya event took place in 2018 on Ferdinandstraat, driven by a grassroots approach. Residents came together to clean, paint, and organize the first street party. This community-led initiative ignited a strong sense of pride and laid the foundation for Otrobanda's revitalization, fostering unity and collective action.

Characteristics & key mile stones:

- 4 Editions
- Free entrance
- Small-scale approach
- Clean-up streets + initiating beautification
- Rapid growth 3,500 15.000 visitors

2020 - 2021 No activities

Impact of COVID-19

2022 - 2024 Festival 2.0

The street party evolved into an annual destination festival, drawing a large and diverse audience. Showcasing art, music, and cultural pride, it not only revitalized public spaces but also boosted local businesses and strengthened community visibility. As the festival grew, its success called for a more structured and organized approach to sustain its impact and expand its reach.

Characteristics & key milestones:

- large scale, multi-day festival, across a larger area
- > 60 street art works created
- 10+ music stages
- Growth 15.000 22.000 visitors
- More activities



Movement 3.0

Starting in 2025, the Kaya Kaya Movement becomes a year-round strategy, combining creative placemaking, urban development, and entrepreneurship. It now hosts a biennial street party and a destination festival, ensuring lasting cultural and community impact.

Goals:

- Establishment of a variety of new community-driven projects
- Launch of educational and entrepreneurial initiatives
- Expanding partnerships to include regional and international stakeholders
- Increasing resident-led initiatives
- Long-term improvement in quality-of-life indicators

Look back 2018 - 2024





SOCIAL

- Strengthened community cohesion
- Community interaction: Residents collaborated on clean-up efforts, setting up arthouses, and participating in information sessions
- Targeted support: One-on-one household visits identified residents in need of social services.
- Strengthened engagement: Training programs for vendors and events like Happy Kaya Hours fostered social connections
- Sustained involvement: Residents have taken responsibility for maintaining the neighborhood
- Community hub: The Kaya Kaya headquarters as a meeting point and resource center



ENVIRONMENTAL

- Improved public spaces: Construction, enhanced lighting (e.g. permanent lighting at the viaduct), enhanced safety and the initiation of green projects for vegetable cultivation.
- Enhanced connectivity: New stairs created to connect previously inaccessible parts of the neighborhood
- Neighborhood facelift: Sidewalks restored, potholes fixed, abandoned cars removed, two small alleys paved
- Social housing restoration: Two houses renovated to make them livable
- **Demolition for renewel:** Removal of an abandoned building
- Showcasing transformation: Promotion of positive changed to attract visitors and showcase the revitalization



ECONOMIC

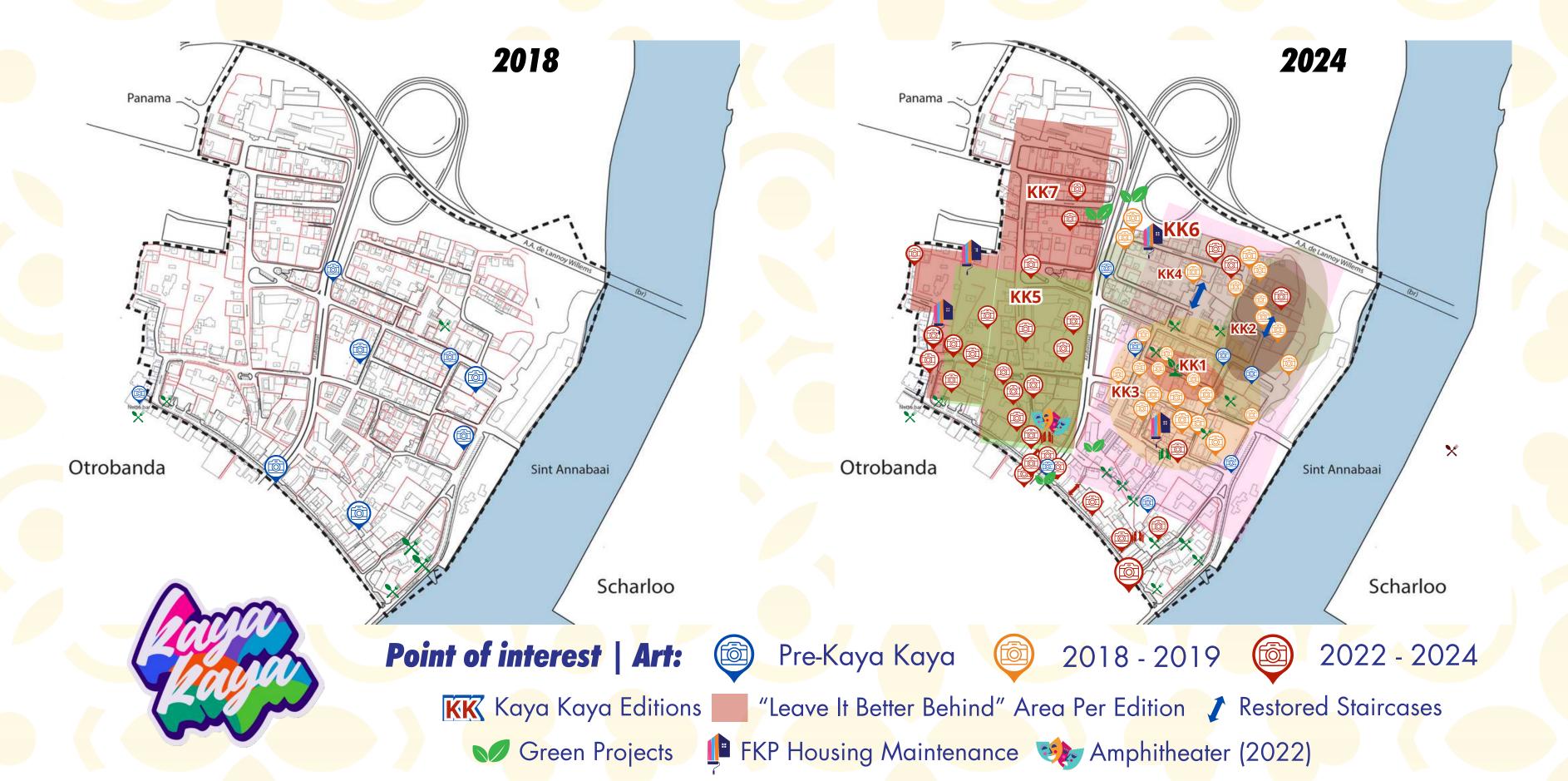
- Economic diversification: Is attracting a mix of businesses, industries, and entrepreneurship in Otrobanda
- Support for local businesses: Boosted spending at local establishments
- Art district development: Created an art district attracting tourists and increasing foot traffic
- **Job creation**: Generated employment opportunities
- **Revitalization**: Increased property desirability
- Entrepreneurship support: empowered initiatives, like the OTC boys, providing sustainable income
- Tourism growth: positioned Otrobanda as a destination for hospitality, retail, and cultural experiences

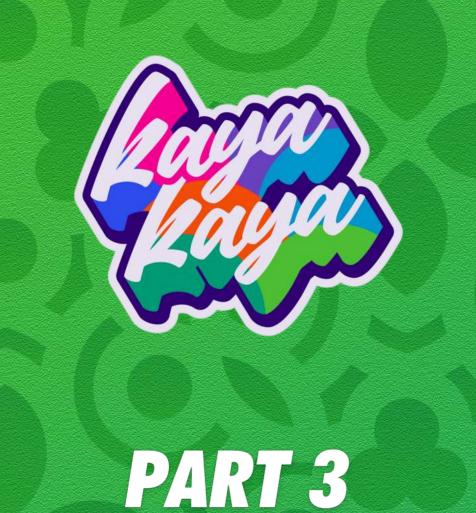


CULTURAL

- Strengthened Otrobanda's cultural identity: Positioned the neighborhood as a vibrant cultural hub and art destination.
- Preserved and celebrated heritage: Ensured the continuation of traditions, performing arts, and oral history
- Enhanced cultural pride: Fostered a sense of ownership and pride among residents
- Expanded global connection:
 Deepened cultural ties with the diaspora and attracted international attention to Curacao's cultural richness
- Empowered local creatives: Provided a platform for artists and cultural entrepeneurs to showcase their work and gain visibility

Transformation 2018 - 2024





Building the foundation:

Principles and practices driving the Kaya Kaya movement

The Kaya Kaya Movement: a theory based approach

The Kaya Kaya Movement is built on a strong theoretical foundation to ensure its actions are effective, inclusive and sustainable. By using evidence-based frameworks, the movement fosters community resilience, creativity, and collaboration. Combining these theories creates a unified approach that empowers residents and ensures the long-term revitalization of the neighborhood, grounded in equity and measurable impact.

COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND OWNERSHIP

- Placemaking: Transforming public spaces and strengthening community identity
- Community organising theory: Building relationships and fostering ownership within the community
- Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD): Leveraging local talents and strengths

ENSURING EQUITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- Localism: Making decisions close to the community for greater legitimacy and effectiveness
- Inclusivity and equity: Ensuring equal opportunities and inclusiveness
- Impact measurement:
 Monitoring and evaluating
 social, cultural, environmental,
 green and economic outcomes



Community

empowerment

COLLABORATIVE STRUCTURES FOR CHANGE

- Collective impact: Bringing stakeholders together around shared goals and measurable outcomes
- Community innovation: Developing co-creative solutions



Understanding the theories behind Kaya Kaya

PLACEMAKING

Placemaking is a collaborative approach to transforming public spaces into vibrant, inclusive, and meaningful places that strengthen community identity. It inspires residents, artists, and stakeholders to collectively reimagine their neighborhoods, turning shared spaces into dynamic hubs of culture, connection, and creativity.

For the Kaya Kaya Movement, placemaking is a philosophy and a practical tool to empower the Otrobanda community. It revitalizes public spaces through art, festivals, and community-driven projects, making Otrobanda a thriving example of how placemaking can create shared value, foster collaboration, and strengthen social ties.

COLLECTIVE IMPACT

Collective impact is a structured approach to solving social challenges by bringing diverse stakeholders together to achieve a shared goal. It emphasizes collaboration, aligned strategies, and measurable outcomes to create long-lasting change. Key principles are a common agenda, shared measurement, mutually reinforcing activities, continuous communication, and backbone support.

For the Kaya Kaya Movement, collective impact ensures that Otrobanda's revitalization is collaborative, with residents, artists, businesses, and institutions working together. This approach creates sustainable, community-driven change with tangible, long-term benefits, by aligning resources and measuring progress.

https://collectiveimpactforum.org/what-is-collective-impact/

ASSET-BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (ABCD)

ABCD is a place-based framework that identifies and mobilizes a community's strengths, talents, and passions. Instead of concentrating on problems, it emphasizes "what's strong, not what's wrong", empowering people to take collective action and drive long-term positive change. For the Kaya Kaya Movement, ABCD highlights Otrobanda's hidden assets -its people, culture, and creativity-, to co-create a thriving and resilient community.

COMMUNITY INNOVATION

Community innovation focuses on cocreating creative solutions to local challenges by unlocking the collective creativity of residents, fostering new ideas, and encouraging partnerships.

For the Kaya Kaya Movement, this approach empowers Otrobanda to dynamically adapt to its evolving needs while ensuring measurable impact.

https://www.tamarackcommunity.ca/skills -for-change/community-innovation

IMPACT MEASUREMENT

Impact measurement ensures that the Kaya Kaya Movement remains focused on achieving measurable social, economic, environmental and cultural outcomes. By consistently tracking progress, the movement can adapt, learn, and demonstrate its value to the community and stakeholders.

COMMUNITY ORGANISING THEORY

Community organizing focuses on building relationships and collective power within communities to address shared challenges and achieve common goals. This approach fosters a sense of ownership and agency by empowering residents to take action and lead initiatives.

For the Kaya Kaya Movement, community organising ensures that Otrobanda's transformation is deeply rooted in the voices, needs, and aspirations of its residents, creating sustainable and inclusive change.

https://www.corganisers.org.uk/w hat-is-community-organising/

LOCALISM

Localism emphasizes that decisions and actions are most effective and meaningful when made by and for the people directly impacted. By prioritizing local voices, resources, and economies, it fosters healthy, equitable and regenerative communities.

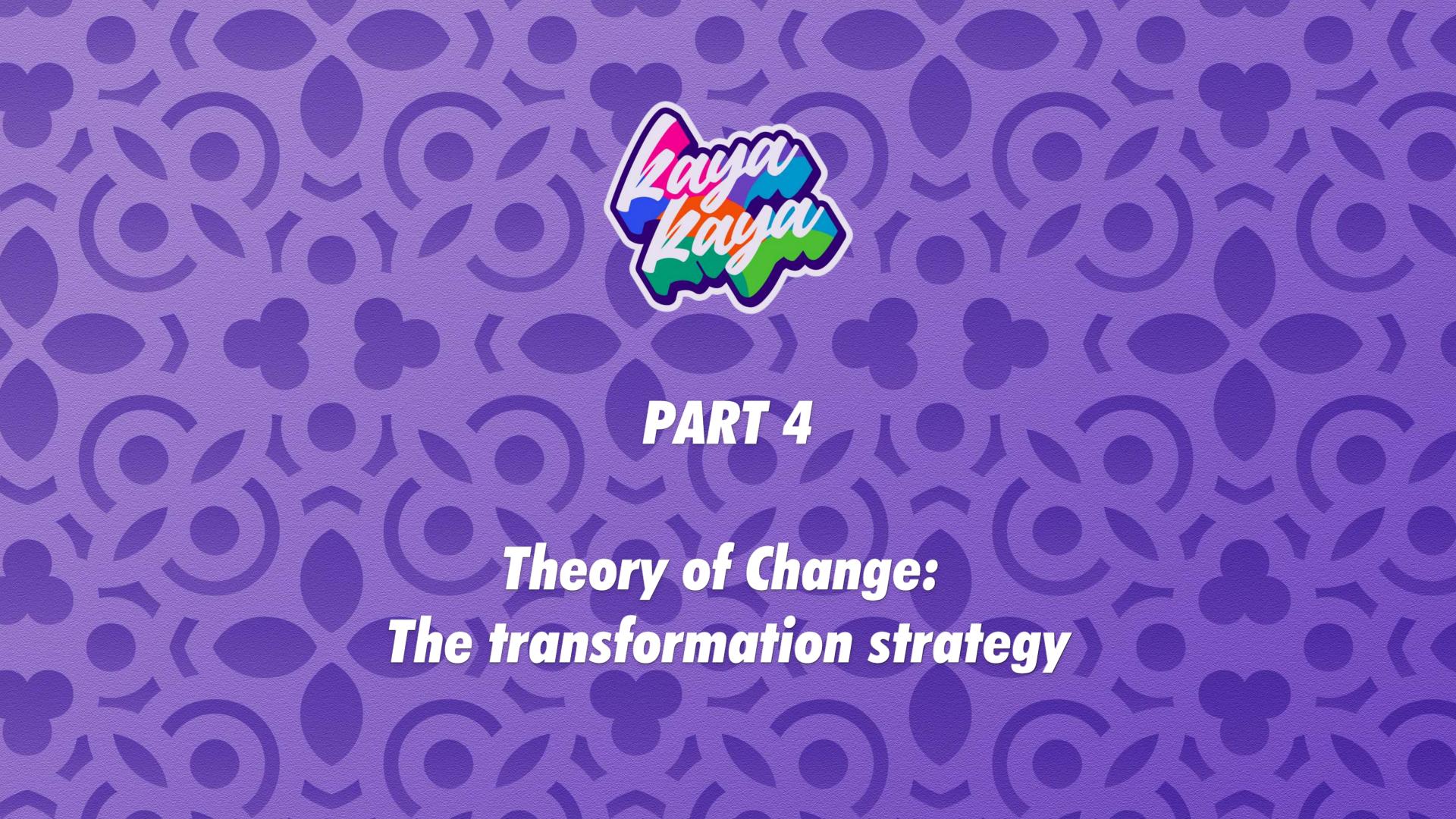
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https://bealocalist.org/whatis-localism/

INCLUSIVITY AND EQUITY

Inclusivity and equity emphasize that all residents, regardless of their background, benefit from the revitalization process.

For the Kaya Kaya Movement, this means ensuring accessible opportunities, preserving cultural heritage, and empowering underrepresented voices.





Theory of Change Kaya Kaya Movement - Strategy



Purpose - WHY

Kaya Kaya aims to empower Otrobanda by combining sustainable urban transformation, placemaking, community participation, and cultural revival. The movement prioritizes leaving it better behind through inclusive, sustainable development



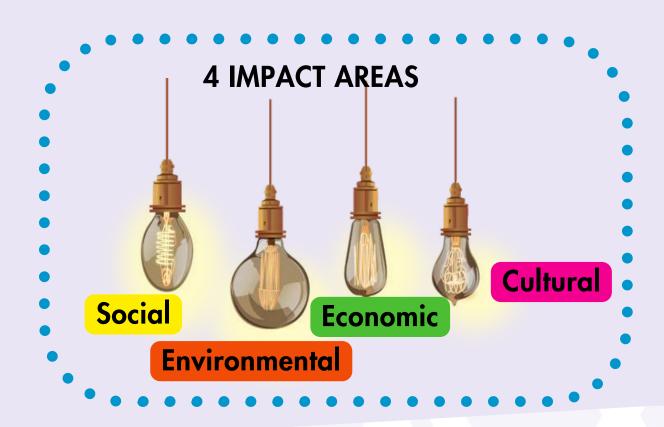
Stakeholders - WHO

- Local residents & entrepreneurs
 Directly benefit and contribute
- Artists & creatives
 Shape Otrobanda's (cultural) landscape
- Private sector partners
 Invest and sponsor initiatives
- Diaspora & tourists
 Connect with and sustain local efforts
- Government & NGOs
 Support urban and community development



Vision - WHAT

Otrobanda flourishes as a vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable neighborhood, where its cultural heritage is preserved, creativity and entrepreneurship thrive, and residents actively shape a resilient and connected community



Social - Stronger community bonds, inclusion and opportunities

Environmental - Greener, cleaner, and sustainable urban development

Economic - Thriving local businesses and financial inclusion

Cultural - Preservation and celebration of Otrobanda's unique identity



Mission - HOW

6 STRATEGIES

Each strategy is guided by ESG principles, ensuring that Kaya Kaya's impact is not only cultural and economic but also sustainable and socially responsible



Empower communities - Engage residents in decision-making and projects



Transform spaces - Revitalize and maintain public areas



Drive local prosperity - Support small businesses and job creation



Celebrate culture - Promote artistic and heritage initiatives



Inspire creativity - Encourage innovation and artistic expressions



Build a strong brand - Position Otrobanda as a cultural hub

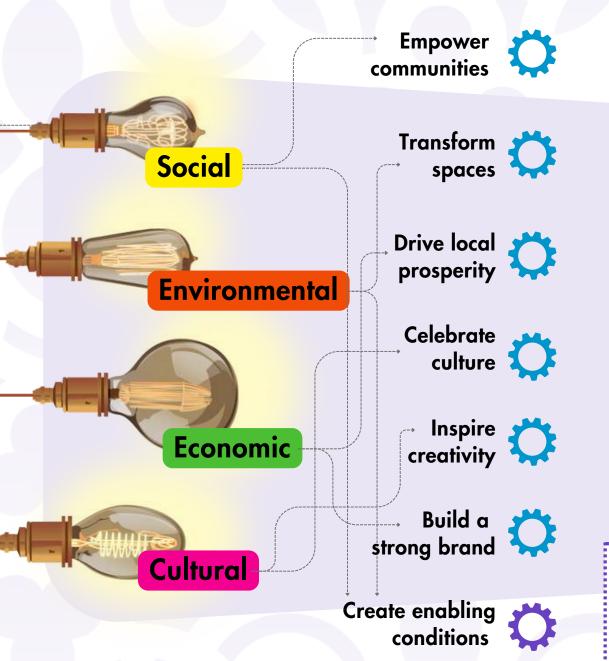


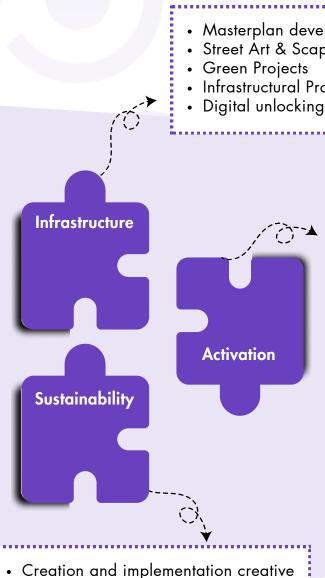
Theory of Change Kaya Kaya Movement - Logical Framework











Capacity development

Fundraising strategy

Monitoring and Evaluation

Human Resource Program

Communication and marketing strategy

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Increased leadership and engagement

More inclusive and transparent governance

Improved urban sustainability and community ownership of public spaces

Safer and more accessible public spaces for all residents and visitors

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A stronger local economy with sustainable small businesses and job creation

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Greater visibility, branding, and recognition of Otrobanda

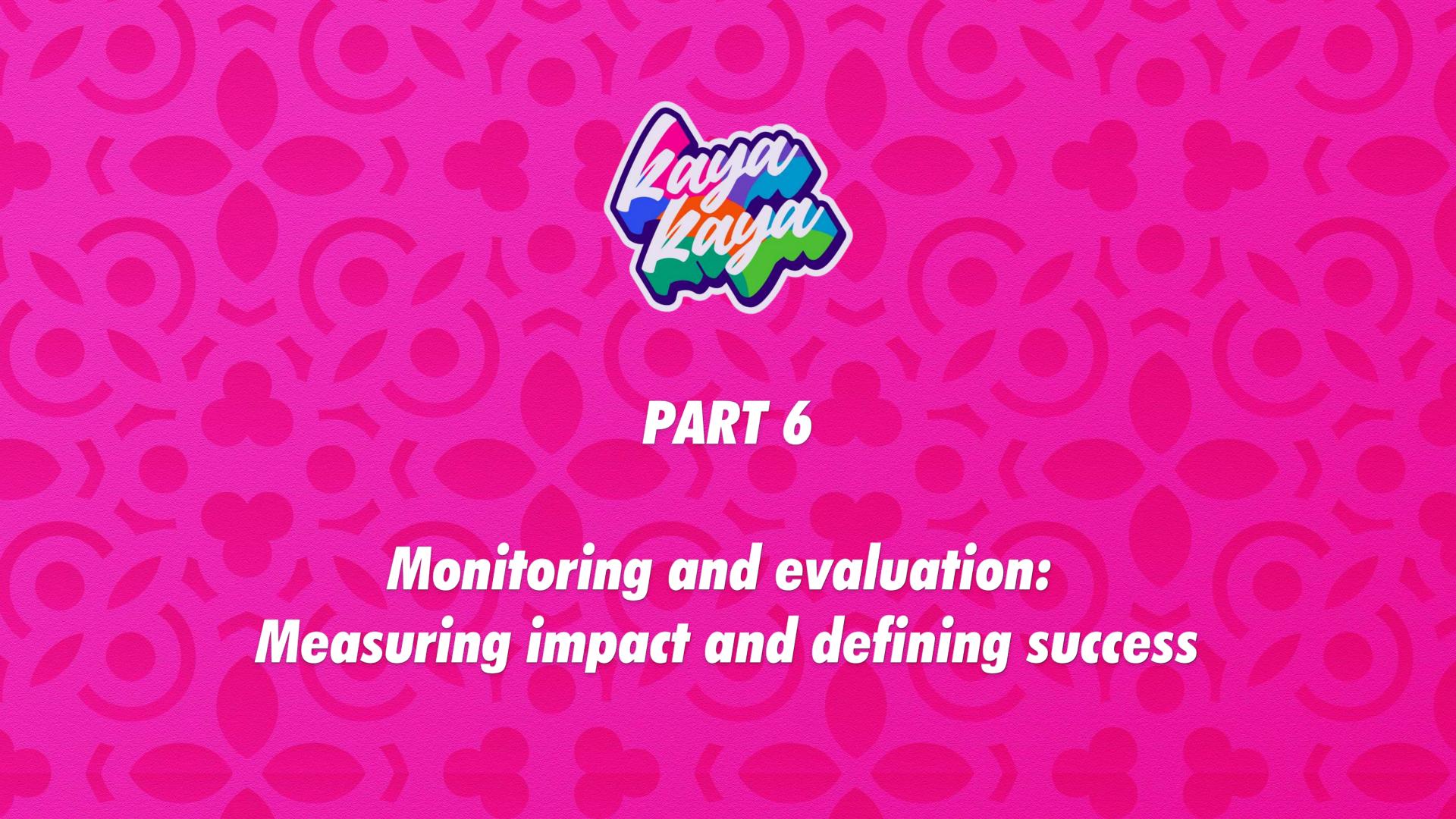
A thriving creative economy supporting artists and cultural entrepreneurs

Economic sustainability, digital inclusion, and improved access to opportunities

Stronger international cultural ties and global recognition

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Monitoring & Evaluation Framework

Activities	Indicators	Measurement instruments	Data collection frequency
Community events • Kaya Kay Street Party 2025 • Kaya Kaya Festival 2026 • Amor pa Otrobanda Market • Art Week • Kreativiti Fest • Amphitheatre programming	 Number of participants, visitors, volunteers, and artists/creatives Revenue generated by local businesses Audience satisfaction and community impact 	 Visitor and participant surveys Interviews with artists and entrepreneurs Observational studies of event interactions Economic impact assessments 	During and immediately after each event
 Entrepreneurship and economic development POP-UP Business Incubation Creation and implementation Creative Hub Amor pa Otrobanda Branding 	 Number of participating entrepreneurs and businesses Percentage of successful start-ups (6-months follow-up) Number of jobs created Growth in revenues for local businesses 	 Participant interviews and surveys Business performance tracking Sales and financial performance reports Economic assessments 	 At project start, 4 months, and 6 months post-participation
 Cultural and educational activities Skol Urbano Cultural Education Trajectory Activating HUB-Program 	 Number of youth and community participants Community satisfaction and engagement levels Skills and knowledge gained by participants 	 Attendance records and participation logs Participation feedback forms and interviews Observational assessments of activities 	 Immediately after sessions, half year reviews



Monitoring & Evaluation Framework

Activities	Indicators	Measurement instruments	Data collection frequency
Community engagement • Community engagement Trajectory	 Number of participants Number of follow-up actions initiated by residents Community ownership and perceived impact 	 Participatory observation Community sentiment surveys Interviews and focus groups 	• Annual reviews
 Urban infrastructure and placemaking Masterplan Development Street art & Streetscaping program Green projects Infrastructural projects 	 Stakeholder-supported Masterplan completed and delivered Number and quality of completed infrastructure projects Square meters of new or improved public spaces Increased foot and visitor traffic 	 Community and stakeholder feedback sessions Urban planning assessments Observational studies and foot traffic counts 	 Before, during and after project completion. Annual follow-up
Digital and communication initiatives • Digital unlocking of Otrobanda • Marketing & communication strategy	 Digital platform usage metrics (visits, downloads, interactions) Brand recognition and visibility metrics Number of new partnerships Community and visitor satisfaction 	 Digital analytics and platform metrics Social media and media monitoring Audience and stakeholder surveys Brand tracking and evaluation 	Half-year reporting



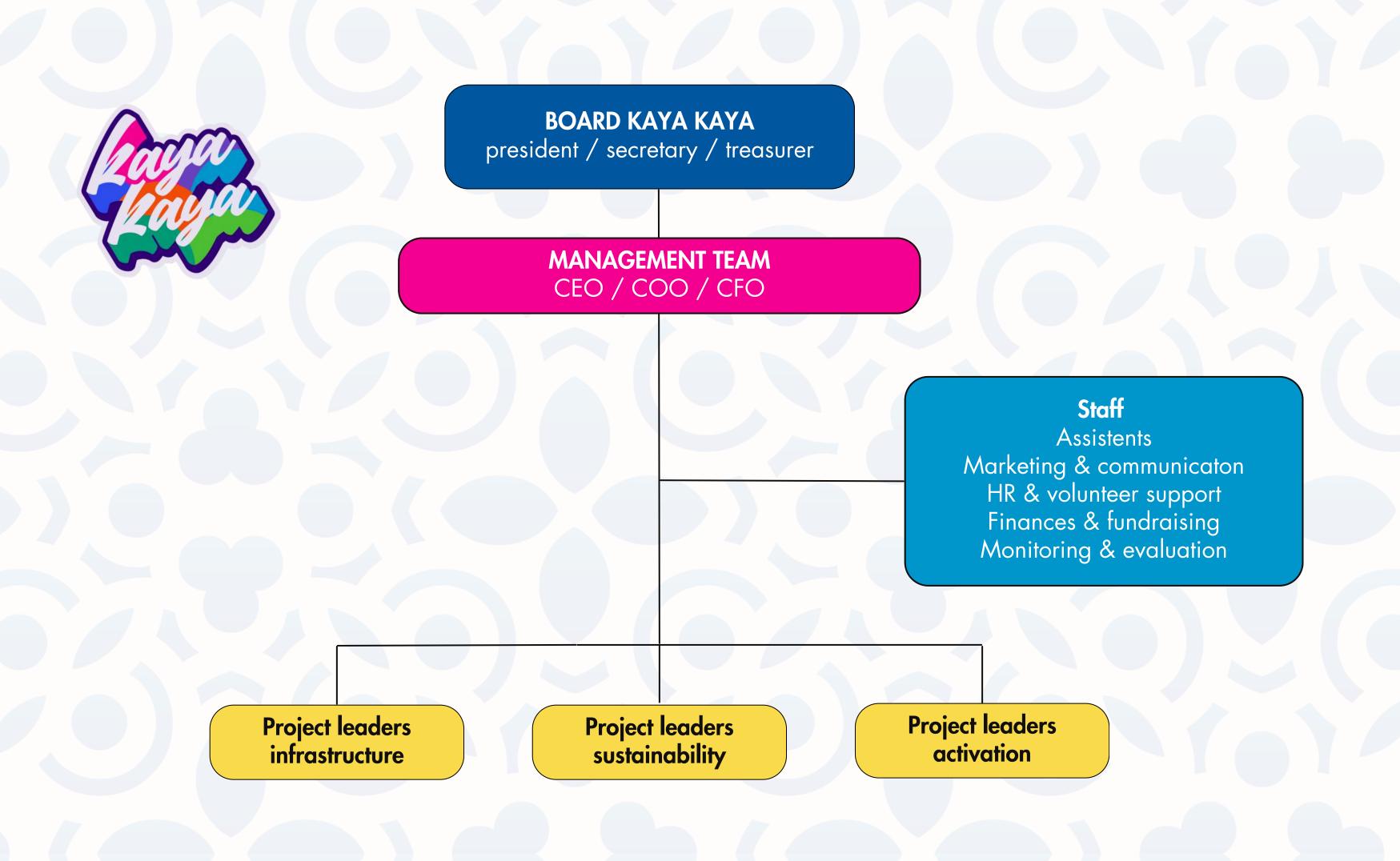
Monitoring & Evaluation Framework

Activities		Indicators	Measurement instruments	Data collection frequency
Sustainability and of strengthening • Fundraising strength of the strength of	ategy ce program	 Total funds raised, number, and diversity of funding sources Staff and volunteer retention rates Clarity and effectiveness of organizational roles Level of transparency and accountability Delivery of an evaluation/impact report 	 Financial audits and fundraising reports Staff and volunteer surveys Organizational assessments Analysis and processing of evaluation data 	 Annual financial reviews Annual operational reviews Annual comprehensive impact evaluation



PART 7

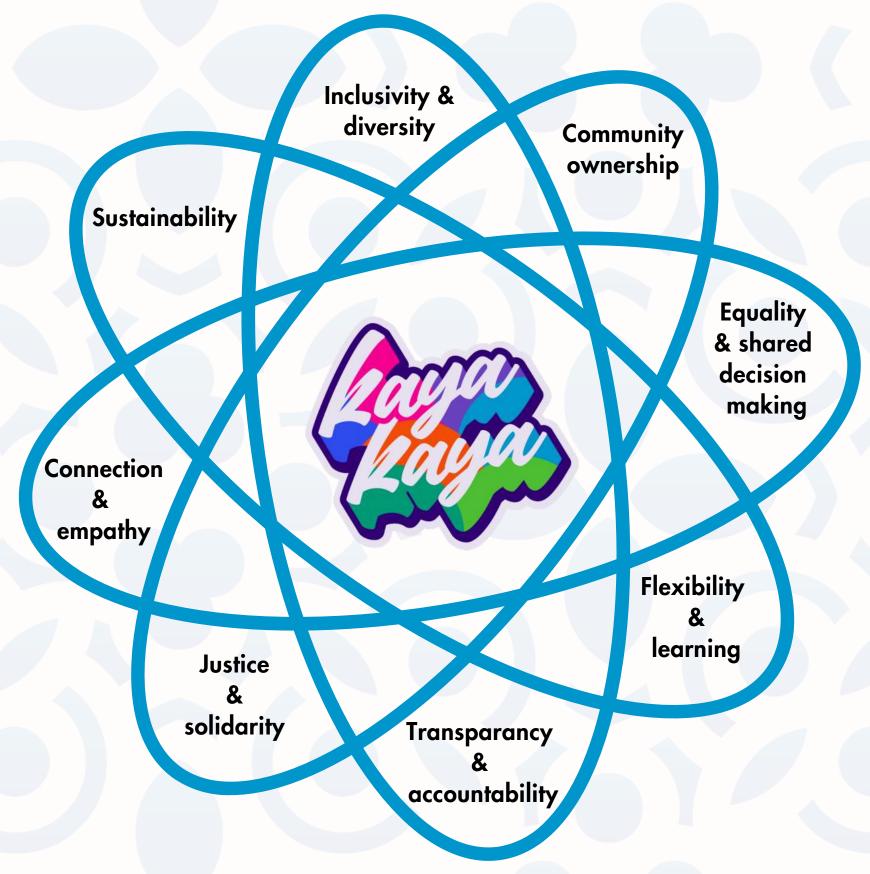
The Kaya Kaya organisation and core values



Core Values Kaya Kaya organisation

Kaya Kaya believes that inclusivity, equality, and community ownership are the foundations of lasting change. We embody transparency, justice, and continuous learning while upholding our core values in every aspect of our work practice.

Inclusivity & diversity	Everyone matters - creating space for al voices Accessibility - activities designed so everyone can participate	
Community ownership	Nothing about us, without us - projects co-owned by the community Local leadership - empowering residents as decision-makiers	
Equality & shared decision making	All voices equal - valuing everyone's experience equally Collaborative decisions - shaping outcomes together	
Flexibility & learning	Embrace experimentation - learning from experience and adapting continuously Adaptive approach - adjusting plans based on feedback	
Transparancy & accountability	Open process - clarity in finances and decision-making Clear communication - sharing successes and lessons learned	
Justice & solidarity	Systemic change - addressing root causes of inequality Amplify voices - enhancing community's social agency	
Connection & empathy	Collaboration first - building bridges within the community Compassionate action - listening openly and acting with empathy	
Sustainability	Long-term impact - actions aimed at lasting social change Circular thinking - minimizing ecological footprints	







Masterplan development

Brief description

A holistic masterplan aimed at revitalizing Otrobanda by balancing economic growth, cultural preservation, social inclusivity, and addressing urban and environmental challenges through active community participation.

Objective

To collaboratively develop a Master Plan for Otrobanda that secures comprehensive support from all stakeholders while addressing community needs, promoting sustainable economic development, preserving culture, and enhancing urban quality of life. The goal is to foster a sense of shared ownership and commitment to the plan, thereby increasing the likelihood of successful execution and long-term impact.

Results

- Completed and stakeholder-supported Masterplan for Orobanda delivered
- Increased community involvement and cohesion
- Stronger public-private collaboration leading to tangible local improvements
- Cultural preservation combined with enhanced local economic opportunities
- Social equity promoted and gentrification risks minimized

Indicators

- Number and diversity of community participants in engagement sessions/events.
- Number of successful pilot projects implemented.
- Level of stakeholder satisfaction and perceived quality of life improvements.
- Economic indicators (local business growth, employment rates).
- Changes in residents' perceptions of cultural preservation and neighborhood resilience.

- Community surveys and feedback forms.
- Participant observation and narrative documentation.
- Interviews and stakeholder roundtables.
- Economic impact assessments and urban development analyses.



Street art & streetscaping program

Brief description

The Street Art & Streetscaping Program transforms Otrobanda's streets, vacant lots, and public spaces into vibrant, engaging environments through murals, installations, and pedestrian-friendly design. It enhances community identity, promotes cultural expression, and boosts economic and social activity by creating attractive public spaces.

Objective

To revitalize Otrobanda by turning public spaces into visually appealing, culturally rich environments, fostering social interaction, community pride, and increased visitor attraction.

Results

- Visually revitalized and pedestrian-friendly public spaces.
- Increased community engagement and pride in local cultural identity.
- Boosted economic activity through greater foot traffic and tourism.
- Enhanced urban aesthetics, creating attractive environments for residents and visitors.
- Sustainable management and use of public spaces.

Indicators

- Number and scope of art installations and streetscaping projects.
- Increase in visitor and pedestrian traffic in targeted areas.
- Economic impact on local businesses and increased tourism.
- Community satisfaction and participation levels.

- Community surveys and feedback.
- Observational studies and foot traffic analysis.
- Economic assessments (local business revenue).
- Stakeholder interviews and community feedback sessions.



Green Projects

Brief description

The Green Projects initiative focuses on enhancing environmental quality and community well-being by increasing greenery throughout Otrobanda. It includes tree planting, creating community gardens, developing green rooftops and walls, and improving existing public parks to promote sustainability and mitigate the urban heat island effect.

Objective

To improve environmental sustainability and quality of life in Otrobanda by integrating more green spaces, enhancing ecological balance, and creating inviting public areas for community interaction.

Results

- Expanded green areas and increased tree coverage in Otrobanda.
- Improved environmental quality through reduced urban heat and better air quality.
- Increased community engagement and participation in sustainable practices.
- Enhanced attractiveness and usability of public spaces.
- Strengthened ecological sustainability and biodiversity.

Indicators

- Number of trees and green spaces created or improved.
- Reduction in local temperatures and improved air quality measurements.
- Community participation rates in gardening and greening activities.
- Increased biodiversity and ecological health indicator.

- Environmental impact assessments (temperature, air quality measurements).
- Community surveys and feedback.
- Biodiversity assessments and ecological studies.
- Observational monitoring of green space usage and condition.



Infrastructural Projects

Brief description

The Infrastructural Projects initiative revitalizes Otrobanda's urban fabric by enhancing connectivity, accessibility, and public space utilization. Key projects include the construction of the Pasa Kontrami 2.0 bridge, renovation and redesign of public squares (LB Smithplein, Bou Viadukto, Breedestraat), and repurposing vacant buildings to support community and economic development.

Objective

To modernize Otrobanda's infrastructure, improve community accessibility, preserve cultural heritage, and foster economic revitalization and social cohesion.

Results

- Improved urban connectivity and accessibility through infrastructural upgrades.
- Revitalized public squares and increased usability of communal spaces.
- Enhanced community pride and increased visitor attraction.
- Economic stimulation from new and improved business environments.
- Preservation and adaptive reuse of historically significant buildings.

Indicators

- Completion rate and quality assessment of infrastructural upgrades.
- Increase in pedestrian and vehicle flow efficiency.
- Community satisfaction and engagement with renovated spaces.
- Economic impact on local businesses and tourism growth.

- Urban planning assessments and infrastructure evaluations.
- Community surveys and stakeholder feedback.
- Economic impact studies and tourism statistics.
- Observational studies of space utilization and public engagement.



Digital unlocking of Otrobanda

Brief description

This initiative enhances Otrobanda's digital presence and connectivity by developing an integrated digital platform providing interactive access to cultural information, local history, art, community events, and business offerings. Smart technology solutions, including QR codes, augmented reality experiences, and real-time information updates, foster greater community engagement and tourism.

Objective

To establish Otrobanda as a digitally connected, culturally vibrant neighborhood by providing accessible, interactive digital resources that support community engagement, tourism promotion, and local economic growth.

Results

- A comprehensive, user-friendly digital platform for cultural exploration and local engagement.
- Increased local business visibility and economic opportunities.
- Greater engagement and interaction with Otrobanda's cultural and historical assets.
- Improved community participation and pride through accessible digital content.
- Strengthened positioning of Otrobanda as a modern, connected cultural destination.

Indicators

- Platform usage metrics (website visits, app downloads, QR scans).
- Visitor and community engagement levels.
- Impact on local businesses and economic activity.
- Community and tourist satisfaction and usability rating.

- Digital analytics and user engagement tracking.
- Surveys and feedback from community members and visitors.
- Economic impact studies and business performance assessments.
- Stakeholder interviews and observational evaluations.



Amor pa Otrobanda Market

Brief description

The Amor Pa Otrobanda Market is a regularly recurring cultural and commercial event that supports local entrepreneurs, artisans, and creatives. It stimulates economic growth and community engagement by aligning with key cultural events and holidays.

Objective

To provide a sustainable, culturally vibrant marketplace that boosts local economic activity, fosters community pride, and encourages visitors to explore and appreciate Otrobanda's diverse cultural identity.

Results

- A structured and sustainable platform for local entrepreneurs and artisans.
- Enhanced visibility and economic opportunities for small businesses.
- Increased cultural engagement aligned with key Curação holidays and events.
- Revitalization and diversification of Otrobanda's local business landscape.
- Strengthened nightlife economy and extended visitor experiences beyond the market area.

Indicators

- Number of vendors and entrepreneurs participating each market.
- Visitor foot traffic and visitor engagement levels.
- Vendor sales growth and economic impact.
- Community satisfaction and cultural event participation rates.

- Vendor and visitor surveys.
- Observational studies and foot traffic counts.
- Economic impact assessments and sales tracking.
- Feedback sessions and stakeholder interviews



Amor pa Otrobanda branding

Brief description

Amor Pa Otrobanda is a district branding initiative designed to establish Otrobanda as a cohesive, vibrant, urban area that highlights its cultural identity, fosters community pride, and drives sustainable economic growth through targeted branding, community engagement, and strategic cultural programming.

Objective

To create a unified, compelling brand for Otrobanda that enhances community cohesion, attracts tourism, and investment, supports local entrepreneurship, and celebrates its unique cultural heritage.

Results

- Established a clear and cohesive visual and narrative identity for Otrobanda.
- Increased visibility and recognition of Otrobanda as a cultural and economic hub.
- Improved economic opportunities and visitor engagement in the district.
- Strengthened community identity, pride, and participation in local development initiatives.
- Enhanced sustainability and visibility of local businesses, artists, and cultural events.

Indicators

- Recognition and visibility metrics (brand awareness).
- Growth in local business revenues and economic activity.
- Community engagement and satisfaction rates.
- Tourist visitation rates and repeat visits.

- Surveys and feedback from community members and visitors.
- Economic assessments (business revenues, employment statistics).
- Social media analytics and online engagement tracking.
- Interviews and focus groups with stakeholders.



Art Week

Brief description

Artweek Willemstad is an annual cultural event celebrating Curaçao's artistic heritage through visual arts, performances, guided tours, and interactive experiences. The event highlights local, diaspora, and international artists, turning Otrobanda into a vibrant open-air museum and cultural hub each May, activating underutilized spaces such as "Arthouses".

Objective

To establish Artweek as a major cultural event that strengthens Otrobanda's artistic identity, supports local artists economically, and attracts local and international visitors to Curação's unique cultural landscape.

Results

- Increased recognition of Otrobanda as an international cultural destination.
- Enhanced opportunities for local, diaspora, and international artists to exhibit and sell artwork.
- Activation and revitalization of public spaces, buildings, and the urban landscape.
- Strengthened community engagement and participation in cultural events.
- Increased tourist attraction and visitor traffic during traditionally quieter months.

Indicators

- Number of artists and "Arthouses" involved each year.
- Attendance figures and visitor satisfaction ratings.
- Economic impact on participating artists and local businesses.
- Community participation and feedback.

- Visitor and participant surveys.
- Sales and economic impact assessments.
- Feedback from artists, stakeholders, and community participants.
- Observational studies of event dynamics and visitor engagement.



Kaya Kaya Streetparty 2025

Brief description

The Kaya Kaya Street Party 2025 is a vibrant, smaller-scale addition to the beloved biannual Kaya Kaya Festival. It aims to foster community engagement and sustain enthusiasm between the larger festivals. The event showcases art, music, local entrepreneurship, and urban revitalization in Otrobanda, promoting cultural continuity and economic vitality.

Objective

To maintain the visibility, financial sustainability, and cultural momentum of the Kaya Kaya Movement by hosting a vibrant, community-focused street party that connects local and international visitors with Otrobanda's ongoing revitalization and creative initiatives.

Results

- Sustained visibility and community engagement during the festival's biannual cycle.
- Successful showcasing of upcoming Kaya Kaya Movement initiatives.
- Strengthened positioning of Otrobanda as a premier cultural and destination event
- Enhanced local economy and nightlife through increased visitor traffic.

Indicators

- Number of attendees (target: 10.000 visitors)
- Audience satisfaction and engagement levels.
- Impact on local businesses (sales, exposure).

- Ticket sales and revenue analysis.
- Surveys for visitors, vendors, and participants.
- Observational assessments (visitor experience, crowd dynamics).
- Post-event evaluation meetings with stakeholders and sponsors.



Kaya Kaya Festival 2026

Brief description

The Kaya Kaya Festival 2026 expands into the Caribbean Cultural Marketplace, a biennial event transforming Otrobanda into an international hub for Caribbean culture. Inspired by Amsterdam's Uitmarkt, this vibrant festival will offer interactive cultural marketplaces, performances, workshops, and public discussions to celebrate diverse artistic expressions and foster cultural exchange.

Objective

To establish the Kaya Kaya Festival as a globally recognized biennial event that celebrates Caribbean diversity, enhances local cultural identity, stimulates economic growth, and positions Otrobanda as a leading cultural tourism destination

Results

- Increased international visibility and recognition of Otrobanda and Curação as cultural destinations.
- Significant economic stimulation through tourism growth and increased local business revenues.
- Strong community engagement with inclusive, accessible cultural experiences.
- Establishment of a sustainable cultural marketplace promoting local artists, artisans, and businesses.
- Creation of job opportunities and stimulation of the local creative economy.

Indicators

- Visitor numbers and demographic diversity.
- Economic impact on local businesses and employment.
- Community and visitor satisfaction and engagement levels.
- Media coverage and international recognition.

- Visitor surveys and feedback forms.
- Economic impact assessments (business revenues, tourism statistics).
- Community engagement tracking and stakeholder interviews.
- Media analytics and social media engagement metrics



Kreativiti Fest

Brief description

The Kreativiti Festival is an annual event showcasing Curaçao's applied arts and creative sector through educational activities, workshops, exhibitions, and performances. The festival promotes artistic talent, fosters cultural sustainability, and connects artists, entrepreneurs, and the community to build a resilient, creative economy and prevent negative impacts of gentrification.

Objective

The inaugural Kreativiti Festival, themed "Bridge The Gap" ,connects Curaçao's creatives, potential clients, and the public to enhance appreciation for the applied arts. Over two days, it features exhibitions, panel discussions, workshops, and a marketplace, providing artists with a platform to showcase their work. The event promotes collaboration and cultural sustainability to strengthen the island's creative industry and address various challenges.

Results

- Increased visibility and recognition of Curação's creative industries both locally and internationally.
- Strengthened economic and professional opportunities for local artists and creatives.
- Creation of a sustainable creative ecosystem and infrastructure within Otrobanda.
- Improved community participation and cohesion through shared cultural experiences.
- Greater awareness of cultural heritage and the role of creativity in urban development

Indicators

- Number and diversity of creatives participating.
- Attendance rates and visitor satisfaction.
- Economic benefits for local creatives (sales, collaborations, business growth).
- Community engagement and cultural impact assessments

- Participant and visitor surveys.
- Feedback from creatives and local businesses.
- Economic impact analysis (vendor revenue, job creation).
- Social media analytics and community feedback session



Skol Urbano

Brief description

Skol Urbano is an engaging cultural program designed to empower youth and diaspora artists across Otrobanda and Curação. The initiative utilizes underutilized spaces, including St. Martinus College and the Kaya Kaya Creative Hub, providing workshops, exhibitions, and performances to foster artistic growth, community engagement, and economic opportunities in creative industries.

Objective

To create opportunities for young artists, enhance social cohesion, and stimulate economic opportunities through cultural programming and urban regeneration.

Results

- Increased opportunities and visibility for youth and local artists.
- Improved use of underutilized public spaces as creative venues.
- Strengthened community engagement and cultural identity.
- Enhanced economic sustainability for artists through creative industry growth.
- Development of sustainable creative and entrepreneurial skills among participants.

Indicators

- Number of youth and artists participating.
- Utilization rates of previously underused spaces.
- Level of community and audience engagement.
- Economic outcomes for participating artists and local businesses.

- Attendance records and participant surveys.
- Interviews and community feedback sessions.
- Economic analysis (sales, employment outcomes).
- Observational assessments of event success and community involvement.



Community Engagement

Brief description

Engaging the local community and stakeholders in the development and implementation of the Otrobanda Masterplan, fostering active participation, ownership, and sustainable community-driven improvements.

Objective

To ensure active and meaningful participation of local residents, businesses, organisations, and other stakeholders in Otrobanda, creating awareness, ownership, and sustainable positive impact.

Results

- Increased community participation and engagement in Masterplan initiatives
- Strengthened collaboration and relationships among stakeholders
- Enhanced stakeholder ownership and commitment to local development
- Improved community awareness and acceptance of the Masterplan

Indicators

- Number and diversity of participants attending community events and workshops
- Level of active stakeholder engagement and collaboration
- Feedback quality and satisfaction levels from stakeholders
- Evidence of community-driven initiatives and improvements

- Participant attendance records
- Surveys and feedback forms
- Stakeholder interviews and dialogue sessions
- Observational reports and impact assessments
- Documented community-led initiatives and outcomes



Programming Amphitheatre

Brief description

The Programming Amphitheatre initiative aims to activate the underutilized Jopi Hart Amphitheatre in Otrobanda, Curação, transforming it into a vibrant cultural venue. It will host diverse cultural performances, community events, and artistic showcases to foster social engagement, cultural expression, and economic vitality.

Objective

To o revitalize the Amphitheatre Jopi Hart as a key cultural venue, enhancing community cohesion, providing platforms for local and international artists, and contributing to Otrobanda's cultural and economic growth.

Results

- Regular activation and use of the Amphitheatre for cultural and community events.
- Increased accessibility and exposure for local artists.
- Enhanced cultural vibrancy and artistic expression within Otrobanda.
- Strengthened community engagement and pride in local cultural heritage.
- Sustainable economic benefits for local businesses and artists through increased visitor traffic.

Indicators

- Frequency and diversity of events and performances held.
- Visitor attendance and community participation rates.
- Artist and audience satisfaction levels.
- Economic impact on local businesses and vendor.

- Event attendance records.
- Audience and artist surveys.
- Economic impact studies (local business sales, artist revenues).
- Community feedback sessions and stakeholder interviews.



Pop-up Business incubation

Brief description

The Pop-Up Business Incubation initiative transforms vacant buildings and empty spaces in Otrobanda into temporary business locations, allowing local entrepreneurs, artisans, and creatives to showcase their products, test new ideas, and engage directly with the public. The initiative revitalizes underutilized spaces, supports local economic development, and provides entrepreneurs mentorship and business development opportunities.

Objective

To revitalize Otrobanda's vacant spaces by establishing temporary, dynamic pop-up locations for local businesses and artists, fostering entrepreneurship, economic stimulation, and community engagement.

Results

- Activation and revitalization of empty buildings and vacant lots.
- Enhanced visibility and economic opportunities for local entrepreneurs and artisans.
- Increased community engagement and local pride through participatory cultural and commercial events.
- Creation of a sustainable pathway for local businesses to test and grow their ventures.
- Improved economic diversity and foot traffic in Otrobanda.

Indicators

- Number of entrepreneurs and artists participating in pop-up incubation.
- Visitor foot traffic and customer engagement.
- Sales growth and economic benefits for participating businesses.
- Number of businesses transitioning from pop-ups to permanent establishments.

- Surveys and feedback from participants and visitors.
- Sales and financial performance tracking.
- Economic impact studies and follow-up assessments.
- Observational data and community feedback.



Creation and implementation Creative Hub

Brief description

The Creative Hub initiative establishes a multifunctional space in Otrobanda to foster creativity, collaboration, and entrepreneurship among local artists, creatives, and community members. This vibrant hub provides co-working spaces, retail opportunities, community workshops, and a social environment, serving as a dynamic center for cultural innovation and community engagement.

Objective

To build a sustainable creative ecosystem in Otrobanda by providing accessible resources, networking opportunities, and professional development for local artists, entrepreneurs, and creatives.

Results

- A thriving community-oriented space promoting creativity, innovation, and collaboration.
- Enhanced economic opportunities and visibility for local creatives and entrepreneurs.
- Increased community engagement and participation in cultural and creative activities.
- Establishment of a sustainable retail and business incubation space.
- Strengthened cultural identity and cohesion within Otrobanda.

Indicators

- Number of creatives and entrepreneurs utilizing the hub.
- Community participation in workshops and events.
- Economic impact for businesses and artists associated with the hub.
- Visitor engagement and satisfaction levels.

- Participant and visitor surveys.
- Economic assessments and sales tracking.
- Observational studies and usage analytics.
- Community and stakeholder interviews.



Capacity building & exchange Program

Brief description

The Capacity Building & Exchange Program initiative enhances the skills, knowledge, and innovation capabilities of the Kaya Kaya team through strategic international partnerships, training, and mentorship. The initiative fosters cross-cultural learning, professional development, and global collaboration, ensuring the continued growth, innovation, and sustainability of the Kaya Kaya Movement.

Objective

To strengthen Kaya Kaya's internal capacities, knowledge, and global networks by facilitating exchanges, mentorship, and training opportunities, enabling continuous innovation and sustainable cultural growth.

Results

- Increased skills and knowledge within the Kaya Kaya team.
- Expanded global networks and partnerships.
- Sustainable cultural and economic growth driven by international best practices.
- Enhanced innovation in cultural programming and festival management.
- Greater visibility and recognition of Kaya Kaya as a global cultural movement.

Indicators

- Number and quality of international exchanges and partnerships.
- Skills development and professional growth among team members.
- Implementation of innovative ideas and practices gained from exchanges.
- Community and stakeholder recognition and satisfaction.

- Participant feedback and skills assessments.
- Surveys and interviews with stakeholders and participants.
- Tracking new collaborations, partnerships, and projects.
- Analysis of event outcomes and strategic improvement.



Fundraising strategy

Brief description

The Fundraising strategy aims to secure diverse and sustainable funding sources to support the ongoing activities, growth, and long-term vision of the Kaya Kaya movement. This initiative includes grant applications, sponsorships, local and international fundraising campaigns, and strategic partnerships to ensure financial stability and sustainability.

Objective

To establish a robust, diversified, and sustainable funding framework that enables Kaya Kaya's long-term cultural, social, and economic initiatives, fostering continued community development and creative innovation.

Results

- Secured diversified funding sources (grants, sponsorships, donations).
- Enhanced financial sustainability and independence.
- Strengthened relationships with local and international partners and sponsors.
- Increased capacity to execute high-impact, culturally significant projects.
- Improved transparency and accountability in financial management.

Indicators

- Total funds raised through various channels.
- Number and diversity of funding sources secured.
- Successful grant applications and sponsorships.
- Sustainability and continuity of funded projects.

- Financial reports and fundraising records.
- Analysis of successful grant applications and sponsorship agreements.
- Stakeholder satisfaction surveys and partner feedback.
- Periodic financial audits and transparency reports.



Marketing & communication strategy

Brief description

The Renewed Communication & Marketing Strategy focuses on transitioning Kaya Kaya from an annual festival into a sustained cultural movement. It aims to enhance brand identity, strengthen community engagement, and expand local and global reach through strategic messaging, innovative digital campaigns, and collaborative partnerships.

Objective

To clearly communicate Kaya Kaya's evolution into a cultural movement, fostering deeper connections with local and global audiences and ensuring long-term community engagement and brand sustainability.

Results

- Clear and cohesive messaging around Kaya Kaya's evolution into a broader cultural movement.
- Increased local and global community engagement and audience growth.
- Strengthened partnerships and sponsorship opportunities through effective communication.
- Enhanced brand recognition and visibility locally, regionally, and internationally.
- Sustained interest and active participation in Kaya Kaya's various projects and initiatives.

Indicators

- Social media and digital engagement metrics (likes, shares, followers).
- Brand recognition and recall among target audiences.
- Number of new partnerships and sponsorships secured.
- Community feedback and audience satisfaction.

- Social media and digital analytics.
- Audience and stakeholder surveys.
- · Media monitoring and brand tracking.
- Community engagement and participation records.



Human Resource Program

Brief description

The Human Resource Program aims to strengthen Kaya Kaya's organizational effectiveness by implementing clear role definitions, structured volunteer management, professional development opportunities, and improved internal communications. This initiative fosters a supportive and inclusive working environment, enhancing team collaboration and motivation.

Objective

To build a sustainable and effective organizational culture through structured HR practices, clear communication, and consistent professional development for staff and volunteers.

Results

- Clearly defined roles and responsibilities for staff and volunteers.
- Enhanced internal communication and organizational alignment.
- Increased volunteer and staff engagement and retention.
- Structured professional growth and career development pathways.
- Strengthened organizational capacity and effectiveness.

Indicators

- Staff and volunteer satisfaction and retention rates.
- Effectiveness of communication channels and clarity of roles.
- Participation levels in professional development activities.
- Feedback and perceived effectiveness of organizational structure and processes.

- Staff and volunteer surveys and feedback sessions.
- Performance evaluations and development tracking.
- Regular communication audits and feedback loops.
- Organizational assessments and team efficiency analyse.



PART 9

Planning Kaya Kaya activities 2025





Yearplan 2025 - Infrastructure

	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Masterplan development		Start-up •••							••••••	•••••
Street Art & Scaping Program			1st action	1st action		2nd action		3rd action		
Green Projects							Start implementation			
Digital unlocking of Otrobanda		Start-up •••								······>





Yearplan 2025 - Activation

	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Amor pa Otrobanda Market	29th	27th	31st	28th	26th		27th	25th	29th	
Amor pa Otrobanda Branding			31st							·····>
Art week			26th - 31st							
Kaya Kaya Street Party 2025						23rd				
Kaya Kaya Festival 2026	Start preparations									·····>
Kreativiti Fest	Start preparations							•• > 25th - 26th		
Activating HUB - program			Start preparations							·····»
Skol Urbano		Launch								
Community Engagement Trajectory	Start preparations									·····>
Cultural Education Trajectory			Grant application	Grant application			Implementation			·····>
Amphitheatre programming						Start programming	Monthly presentation	Monthly presentation	Monthly presentation	Monthly presentation
POP-UP Business Incubation		Start preparations								·····»





Yearplan 2025 - Sustainability

	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Creation & implementation creative HUB		Start-up								·····>
Capacity development		Start				Bezoek NL Mondriaanfonds	Placemaking Europe	Placemaking Europe		
Monitoring and Evaluation										Impact document
Fundraising	Start-up					•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••		•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••		·····>
Communication and marketing	Fase 2	Fase 3	Fase 3							
HR trajectory	Start	Afronding								

^{*} This planning will be continued in 2026 and 2027